

tack on Pearl Harbor 4,000,000 Americans were unemployed.

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and all vote.

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# SALINAS LABOR COUNCIL STARTS ELECTION; VOTE SET FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

Annual election procedure for the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas was started at the meeting of June 10, at which time first nominations were accepted and final nominations and balloting both were scheduled for the meeting Friday night, June 24, according to Secretary W. G. Kenyon.

Those nominated at first nomination meeting included:

For president—Carl Lara (Painters 1104) and George Harter (Carpenters 925).

For vice president - J. S. Price (Sugar Workers). For Secretary - W. G. Kenyon

(Teamsters 890). For sergeant-at-arms - Bros. Hearn and Wendelkin.

For trustees-R. Fenchel (3 yrs.) Bob Shinn and G. Miller (2 yrs.), Bertha Boles and J. Hinkley (1 yr.) 15, under plans announced last For organizing committee-Bros. Lara, Andrade and Foster.

For negotiating committee-Bros. Harris and Harter. For press committee - Bros.

Clayson, Kenyon and Bennett. Installation of officers will be at

the meeting of July 1, following journing to some restaurant for a dinner for the apprentices at the ceremony the delegates addinner to pay proper honors to the Hotel Jeffrey, followed by a short \$30. newly-elected officials.

A committee of Bertha Boles, retary Kenyon will make arrangements for the dinner party.

## PAINT CONTRACT MEETING MOVED TO THIS WEEK

Meeting between representatives of Painters Union 1104 of Salinas contractors in the area to complete known as the United Democrats of partial reimbursement for wage and representatives of painting negotiations on a new agreement Monterey County, according to was postponed last week because Peter A. Andrade, county Demoof the California Rodeo and was cratic Central Committee member re-scheduled for Tuesday night of and also secretary of Teamsters

1104, said it was hoped to complete group was to be host at a dinner tion that it will become neither

Intyre Painting Service, both of were invited to the dinner. Salinas, have been awarded portions of the painting on the Hotel is to re-activate the Democratic Del Monte project, according to Party in the county and to estab-Secretary Lara, of Local 1104.

ing to the Del Monte job, Lara tions, Andrade said.

# **KIDDIE SHOW AGAIN JULY 2**

the next motion picture show at an announcement last week. Salinas High School Auditorium, If the contract is approved at this on Saturday, July 2.

to the regular movies, games and 000,000 by time of completion, will entertainment, a bicycle will be be started early in August, it was payments, but only one. Accord- posed the bill. given away to some boy or girl reported. whose attendance at past shows has won the honor, union officials

The shows are free of charge, bear fruit. The blossoms must be open to all youngsters, and all who fertilized with pollen carried from attend are asked to sign the Kiddie one blossom to another, usually by Klub pledge of good citizenship. bees and other flying insects.

## Carps. To Fete **Apprentices** At Feed July 15

Local 925 of Carpenters, in Salinas, will honor twelve apprentices who have completed their period of training with a gala dinner party and a graduation program on July business agent.

Although the union has been asked to participate in a mass graduation of apprentices in the Salinas area, the plans are being pushed for this party, Harter said. If a change in plans is made, members will be informed.

The program tentatively set calls ceremony during which Archie J. Mooney, chief of the state division Garold Miller, Carl Lara and Sec- of apprenticeship standards, will present journeymen certificates to the graduating apprentices, Harter

> Further details on the apprentice graduation plans will be announced later, he added.

## **Democrats Form United Body Here**

Democratic leaders of Monterey County have formed a new group Union 890.

w agreement at this party at Hotel Cominos to meet better nor worse. and greet Oliver J. Carter, state Democratic Committee chairman. Buchanan Painting Co. and Mc- All leading Democrats of the county

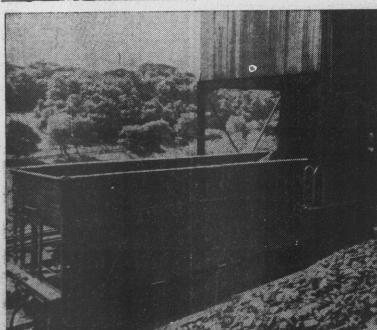
Purpose of the United Democrats itself. lish new programs and plans to Because Monterey Painters Union | select new leaders during the "off-272 has no idle men, painters from election" year in order to present the Salinas area have been travel- a stronger front in the 1950 elec-

# **Soledad Prison Bids Due July 6**

new "medium security" state prison Kiddies Klub of Teamsters Union at Soledad are called by the State 890 attracting a bigger erowd than for Monday, July 6, at which time any of the three previous shows, they will be opened and a contract youngsters are looking forward to for construction let, according to

time, construction of the prison, At the July 2 show, in addition expected to reach a total of \$10,-

> Blossoms on a fruit tree do not necessarily mean that the tree will



ALL QUIET ON THE COAL FRONT .- Bearing mute testimony to the effectiveness of the United Mine Workers' one-week stabilization period is this partially filled idle coal car at McDonald, Pa. In Washington a large group of northern operators are reported to have tentatively the date of the original injury the and been extensively amended in the unions was swept into office by the date when this need will exist without a definite job offer should ing differentials based on sex. The agreed to a UMW proposal for a coal stabilization director,

# WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION EXPLAINED BY ATTORNEY

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a summary of a recent speech by Charles P. Scully, attorney for the California State Federation of Labor, the talk given at a ation of Labor, the talk given at a meeting of the Western Confermeeting of the Western Conferment Processes of the Conferment of the Conf ence of Butchers. Because of the concise manner in which Attorney Scully has explained Workmen's In Southern Calif. Compensation, it is suggested that union officials clip this article for reference and as an aid in answering questions by members.)

By CHARLES P. SCULLY types of benefits under the Workmen's Compensation Act.

(1) Temporary disability payments.

(3) Death benefits.

are partial reimbursement for wage loss during periods when an week by George R. Harter, union individual is suffering an industrial disability but has not reached a stationary condition as far as this disability is concerned.

The maximum period during which an individual may receive temporary disability is 240 weeks. The weekly amount that an indiof disability is dependent upon his wages and may vary from \$9.75 to

The formula which gives rise to the amount is determined as follows: Taking an individual's average weekly wage, which is not the amount he actually earned but the amount he normally would earn during an average full week of employment, we then indulge in the so-called 95-65 per cent formula. In other words, you first take 95 per cent of such average weekly wage and then take 65 per cent of that amount to determine the weekly benefit amount he will receive. In no event, however, can he receive more than \$30.

Permanent disability, as distinct from temporary disability, is not loss but instead is partial indemnification for an industrial disability which an individual will carry with him through life. It is only payable after the disability has Carl Lara, secretary of Local Andrade added that the new reached such a stationary condi-

temporary disability.

If the permanent disability, howmum 240 weeks an individual is Jose). entitled to receive for the balance

permanent disability.

an individual would be entitled at cept that Beck opposed A. B.-175. all times to receive at least 75 per porary disability received.

to receive the full amount of both other amendments. temporary and permanent disability. With respect, however, to the

In the 1949 session of the Legisthe adjournment of this session, regardless of the extent of permanent disability, an individual will be entitled to receive full payment

for each. In view of the Supreme Court (Continued on Page 2)

The Metal Trades Council of southern California is in the midst Labor in state and national government, it was agreed at the There are generally three basic workers in the manufacturing insigned to bring the unorganized dustries of southern California (2) Permanent disability pay- through their representatives, at NOW. San Diego in January of this year. The Metal Trades Department also Temporary disability payments agreed to assist in the drive and spring, it was agreed and emphatiassigned B. A. Gritta to work on the campaign. The drive is already making considerable headway.

Although sponsored by the international unions this organizing vote should start immediately. program was requested by the local The effort will be made through unions of the area. They are de- a system of committees set up by termined to make it a success, and each union local in the three counare asking complete cooperation ties. and help in both manpower and Union representatives at the sesvidual may receive for such type finances from all metal trades and sion voted to have letters sent by other locals. the League secretary, John McKay

The American Federation of of Santa Barbara, to all Central Government Employees is also re- Labor Councils and Building Trades newing its organizing campaign Councils, as well as other central among federal government em- bodies. These communications will ployees on the West Coast. It is ask the central bodies to instruct only through their organization and their locals each to appoint a comthrough the additional help and co- mittee at once, to see that all memoperation of Central Labor Coun- bers are registered—and follow cils and State Federations of through to see that each and every Labor that government workers member also gets to the polls and can bring pressure to bear upon casts his ballot when it comes elecsenators and representatives to in- tion time. crease their pay through legislation. In addition, organization will selves, but their relatives also help these workers materially in should be urgently advised of the obtaining a just and fair handling importance of placing in office men of promotions, layoffs, and grievances in their particular departments and offices.

# (State Fed. Release)

The percentage of disability va- Assembly on June 13 passed Fedries, depending upon the age of the eration-sponsored A. B.-327, to perindividual, the occupation, and the mit the payment of disability innature and extent of the disability surance during trade disputes. On in the political battle were sug-June 10, the Assembly passed Fed- gested and discussed. First step will For each one per cent of disabil- eration A. B.-112, which removes be the appointment of committees ity an individual is entitled to re- the necessity of obtaining the con- by each local in he three counties. ceive four weeks compensation up sent of the employer when emto a maximum of 240 weeks, ex- ployees desire to enter a voluntary in session Sunday in Santa Maria cept as otherwise indicated herein. plan for disability insurance. The was the decision that Monterey The weekly benefit amount is com- bill was passed by a vote of 46 to County Labor League for Political puted in an identical manner as 18, with the following among the Education and the Tri-Counties opposition: Connolly (San Fran-cisco, 21), Grunsky (Watsonville), tion. Next meeting of the Triever, exceeds 70 per cent, then Kirkwood (Saratoga), Silliman Counties League will be Sunday, after the expiration of the maxi- (Salinas) and Thompson (San July 17, at 2 p.m. in Ventura, at

On June 13, the Assembly Com- Union building. of his life a pension which is a mittee on Finance and Insurance On the following day, Monday, facturing, box making and the ure and not dependent upon the mum disability benefit to \$30 a Obispo. 95-65 per cent formula above men- week, was killed in committee by Representatives from Monterey moment, have added to their sales

ingly, in computing the amount to The same committee also was Workers. Rice is secretary of Monbe received for permanent disabil- unable to report out Federation terey County Central Labor Coun- ing the temporary effect of lettuce ity the defendant was entitled to bill A. B.-175, which, as amended, cil. full credit against it for all raises the maximum unemployamounts paid for temporary dis- ment benefit to \$30 a week and made the long trip to Santa Maria employment in May was approxireduces employer contributions un- Sunday to suggest cooperation of mately 28 per cent above May In the 1945 session of the Legis- der merit rating. The votes in their group and the Tri-Counties 1948, the number of unemployed lo was reelected to his 9th conlature this section (Labor Code favor of this bill in the committee League, to gain information as to women was approximately one-secutive term as president of the 4661) was amended to provide that were the same as on A. B.-181, ex- plans here, and give news of their third more than a year ago, while American Federation of Musicians

cent of his permanent disability hearing in the Senate Committee tion clearly and to the point, Rice year. There is no reason to believe convention here. regardless of the amount of tem- on Social Welfare on June 15. As urged that Monterey County is that the number of unemployed amended, this bill provides that much interested in the election of will come down to the levels of Everett Henne of Mattoon, Ill., In the case of most incentive work-In the 1947 session of the Legis- voluntary disability plans shall candidates for the Eleventh Con- 1948, in spite of the fact that who gave Mr. Petrillo his first ers, this new method of computalature this section was again cover all employees in the unit if gressional District and also for the there is every promise of more opposition in his long reign at the tion will result in a higher regular amended to provide that with the employees apercent of the employees aperception of life pension cases, prove the voluntary plan. The bill In these two matters Monterey area than a year ago.

Twenty-Third Assembly District. persons being employed in this helm of the nation's musicians. Earlier the convention adopted area than a year ago. namely, cases rating 70 per cent also raises the maximum disability County and the Tri-Counties-San Labor Supply and Demand.-At resolution calling for repeal of the overtime pay, when overtime or more, an individual was entitled benefit to \$30 a week and makes Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and present, more than 3,500 unem- 20 percent cabaret tax and the occurs.

Federation efforts to widen the tabled.

This bill extends the period for coming battle of the ballots. payments in cases of permanent George Rice described the meth- ate shortages in certain skills disability to 400 weeks.

the Senate. The Assembly refused a three-to-one vote, Rice said. is very uncertain, probably not be- be discouraged in all cases.

### Union members from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and into the American Federation of Ventura, at the first session since the Tri-Counties League Labor. This program was endorsed was organized on a permanent basis, decided the time to start by all the international unions working to put the right people in office as law-makers is As an example, Rice said, in Since primaries will be held next Monterey committees were appointed within the locals, so that cally urged by a number of speakeach committee worker had 20

This is the vital point in the battle to get a fair break for Here Are Your

**Tri-County League** 

Starts Organizing

Labor Union Voters

See that every union member and his family are registered

members to account for. These committeemen were responsible to see that each of their 20 members registered and voted. Needless to say that the numerous anti-labor votes, not only of Congressman Bramblett, but of most of the assemblymen and state senators from the counties of Monterey, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Ventura, have aroused the members of organized labor in these four counties to a point, where they are determined to do something about it. The meeting at

Santa Maria was the third thus far held, the first in March, when a temporary organization was formed and the second May 15th, when a permanent organization was completed and decided to meet the third Sunday afternoon every month till the next primary elec-

LABOR MARKET

(State Dept. of Employment)

increased unemployment on a fair-

struction employment is steadily

lishments appear to be in a posi-

tion to meet lower prices on most

Employment Trend. - The em-

ployment trend was mixed at the

end of May. Lettuce shed workers

were being laid off and there is

every indication that unless prices

improve within the next few days,

for a considerable number of serv-

Unemployment Trend-Discount-

consumer articles.

Not only union members themwho will pass laws giving labor a fair deal, it was pointed out.

No time should be lost in getting the ball rolling to see that all are registered and realize it is vital they get to the polls and vote, it and worker income in the Salinas was urged, since the battle is not Local Office area is at a postwar expected to be an easy one. When high for this season, there is widecandidates opposed to labor get spread pessimism because of the into office, various speakers cited, declining price of lettuce. If pro-Salinas was reportedly confined to Over the sole dissenting vote of laws unfavorable to labor are longed, this development will spell his home last week for a short time

union members as active fighters ly wide scale. At this time, how-

Another step taken by the group increasing and retail sales estab-1019 E. Santa Clara St., Teamsters

weekly amount computed as fol- crushed all hope for any major July 18, officers of the Tri-Counties transportation industries. Opposimprovements in unemployment or League will meet with officers of ing this is a steady increase in the One per cent of the average disability benefits. Federation bill the Monterey League at 7 p.m. in number of construction workers weekly wage (this is the base fig- A. B.-181, which raised the maxi- Carpenters Hall at San Luis employed. Retail establishments, while somewhat uncertain at the

tioned) for each one per cent of a vote of six to six. The following County Labor League for Political force and seem inclined to continue voted in favor of the proposal: Education present at the session hiring. The California Rodeo, cele-Prior to 1945 an individual was Beck, Brady, Doyle, Dunn, Malo-Sunday in Santa Maria were Chair-brated at Salinas June 16 to 19, not entitled to receive both tem- ney and Meyers. Grunsky was ab- man Joe Perry, and Secretary provides temporary employment porary and permanent disability sent, and the other members op- George Rice. Perry is president of Monterey County Fish Cannery ice workers. prices on unemployment, it is in-

own activities.

Ventura—have a joint concern.

After Chairman William Dean work in this area. The vast ma-tickets. scope of the Unemployment In- of Santa Barbara opened the meet- jority have no particular skills life pension cases, if an individual surance Act to extend coverage ing Sunday afternoon, those pres- which are needed in the present received any amount in excess of to nonprofit organizations, as pro- ent rose one by one to introduce labor market. The supply of stoop 104 weeks as temporary disability vided in A. B.-806, were thwarted themselves and state their locals. labor in all probability will fail it was conclusively presumed to be on June 6 as a result of an active Secretary John McKay read the to meet the demand, unless there advance payment of permanent campaign by the affected organiza- minutes of the previous session, is immigration of the type of work- Britain, France, Belgium, the disability and would be so credited tions, and as a result Assemblyman held in May, when the League was er who has historically been sucagainst the amount of permanent McMillan permitted his bill to be put on a permanent basis and offi- cessful in this kind of agricultural cers elected.

work.

A workmen's compensation bill, Chairman Dean then threw the lature, the 1947 amendment has A. B.-2890, was unanimously ap- meeting open to discussion, and the PG&E Moss Landing plant and not represented. been repealed and 90 days after proved in the Assembly June 10. many gave suggestions as to the the Medium Security Prison at

ods which were so successfuly used which will require recruitment ing for the above projects is A. B.-160, providing for equal pay in Monterey County to get out the elsewhere of carpenters, electri- through labor unions in Salinas or to concur in the amendments made for equal work, was killed in the vote during the last election in cians (power house), steam fitters, in San Francisco and any inquiries by the Senate on the ground that Assembly June 13. This bill had Monterey. At that time the mayor millwrights, structural steel workdecision, however, dependent upon previously passed the Assembly and the entire ticket endorsed by ers and boilermakers. At present, in question. Migration to this area much legislative sanction to exist-

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Salinas, Calif.

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### In Union Circles

union officials as well as all of Salinas with the California Rodeo in town. Most officials found time to attend the show after supplying Summary. - While employment the heavy demand for extra

Secretary W. G. ("Bud") Kenyon of the Central Labor Council at Over the sole dissenting vote of laws unfavorable to labor and longed, this development longed longe reported.

> Anthony Agrillo, vice president looks promising, the stoop labor of the California State Federation supply is scarcely adequate, con- of Labor, paid a hurried and surprise visit to Salinas last Friday, talking to those union officials the short time he had there.

> > George Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary - Bartenders Union 483, was called away last Friday on business for his union.

### **Granite Gets** there will be layoffs in ice manu-Road Contract Granite Construction Co. of Wat-

sonville has been awarded contract to resurface a half mile of State Route 25 between Hollister and Tres Pinos, according to J. B. Mc-Ginley, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, which has jurisdiction over work in the Hollister area. Construction is expected to start shortly.

### **Musicians Elect Petrillo** The Monterey League officers teresting to note that total un- To 9th Term as AM Head San Francisco.—James C. Petril-

the number of unemployed veter- by a landslide vote of delegates earnings by his actual hours of S. B.-377 was to come up for Summing up the political situa- ans was about 26 per cent over last attending the union's 52d annual work. The hours and pay covered

Earlier the convention adopted a possible to obtain a higher rate of ployed people are actively seeking similar tax on opera and symphony

### **Control of Ruhr Set**

Frankfort, Germany.-Six western powers - the United States, established the Allied Ruhr Authority, the top control body over April figure. Construction labor demands at the rich industrial area. Russia is

Soledad will within six months cre- fore October.

### Meets Aug. The convention call for the 1949 convention of the California State Federation of Labor was issued June 15 to all affiliated unions.

State Fed.

The convention will be held in the Shrine Civic Auditorium, Los Angeles, August 29 through Septem-Last year's convention, with a record attendance of 2,000 dele-

gates, gave labor in California an nistoric and monumental occasion upon which to organize and direct its campaign for political action in the 1948 elections. In the forthcoming convention, this campaign of political action must be continued and strengthened, and the convention must shape policies and make decisions of far-reaching importance on many matters. In the light of what is taking place in both Washington, D.C., and in Sacramento, it will have to lay definite plans for the 1950 Congressional and State elections.

The uncertainty of present economic trends and the increased unemployment throughout the state must also be faced and reckoned with. Experience has taught us that, during times such as this, only strong and aggressive union policies can protect both organized and unorganized workers from the severe economic and legal pressures to which they are subjected. This convention must therefore formulate a vigorous statewide policy on union organization and collective bargaining. Only in this way can we meet with confidence whatever critical situation the future may hold.

For these reasons, and in order that the decisions of the convention may be well-conceived and representative of the aims and desires of labor throughout the state, we urge every affiliated organization to send delegates, who on their return will fully explain the nature of the convention decisions to the membership of their respective locals and assist in carrying them out during the coming critical year.

In connection with the convention, all unions are urged to return to the Federation office: (1) The original and duplicate

AUTHORIZED DELEGATE forms, (2) The duplicate DELEGATE'S CREDENTIAL form.

This material should reach the Federation office as soon as possible for processing for the printer, and in any case cannot be accepted after August 20.

Resolutions should be presented in triplicate and should also be sent in as early as possible; in any case, they cannot be accepted after August 24.

Further details are included in

# **Show-Up Time**

(State Fed. Release)
A general policy establishing a uniform application of overtime compensation requirements under whom he was able to see during the Fair Labor Standards Act with respect to employment agreements providing "show-up" and "callback" pay was adopted June 8 by the Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions of the U.S. Department of Labor.

> Under the new policy, pay for time not worked will be considered a "fringe" benefit having no relation to earnings or hours. Only payment for hours actually worked will be considered in computing overtime compensation.

As generally used in industry, employment agreements provide that an employee will receive pay at his usual straight-time or overtime rate for a minimum number of hours upon "show-up" for work, even though the employer may not be able to provide work for the entire period and excuses the employee, Similar minimum payment assurances are made under agreements for the "call-back" of an employee, after his regular workday has ended and he has left the employer's establishment.

Under the new policy, an employee's regular rate of pay would be computed by dividing his actual by the "show-up" or "call-back" He won by 1,391 to 75 over periods would not be considered. rate of pay and thus will make it

### Jobless at New Peak

Washington. - The U.S. Census Bureau, measuring unemployment in the month of May, found the total jobless rose to 3.3 million. There was an increase of more than a quarter million over the

Consolidation of city and county health facilities gives residents better medical services, it is claim-Construction Activities.—All hir- ed in localities where tried.

should be directed to the unions these amendments would give too

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### MAKING THEIR OWN RECORDS

There are 96 U.S. Senators and 435 members of the House of Representatives, who are making their own records these days. When the next election rolls around it will not be necessary to ask these people, where "four rooms and a path." they stand nor what they believe in. The direct and most reliable method of finding out just where they stand will be simply to study their voting record in Congress. 15-foot platform, the instructor

What candidates for office say or what they may asked: "What would you do if you promise before elections, when the going is tough, should not be taken too sesriously, but the way a man votes wait for it to sink about 10 feet after he gets into Congress or the Legislature is pretty more." apt to reflect where he really stands.

Hence these are days when both our state and asked the bartender if he knew national representatives are busy inscribing their prin- anything to stop hiccoughs. His ciples iuto every roll call in which they participate. All with a wet towel. Surprised and those members of Congress, who voted for the Wood furious, the stranger demanded bill, which, if anything, is even worse than the Taft- the reason for such action. With Hartley law, showed, thereby, more clearly than any plied, "Well, you haven't got any later verbal expressions can do, what their real attitude hiccoughs now, have you?" "Hell, towards labor is. On the other hand those who voted to nant answer. "I wanted something put that bill into the cooler, let us hope, for keeps, will for my wife. She's out in the car." get the commendations of labor. Many missed a wonderful opportunity, when they failed to vote to enact the Wagner bill, just as it was, to replace the Taft- parted" in the middle. Hartley law as it is today.

### OVERDOING SMEAR CAMPAIGNS

One of the most used methods employed today to eliminate from public life such public servants as cannot be controlled and used by special interests is to resort of smearing them unmercifully in the hope that enough public opinion may be influenced in this way to bring about their removal or resignation, if appointed, or defeated at election time, if elected to whatever office they hold.

There is the case of David Lilienthal, for instance, who was appointed by Pres. Truman to head the atomic commission, and who, to all appearances, is doing a persons are they stop." first class job in a most difficult position. Leaders of the fight against Lilienthal are the same Senators Hicken- They never do stop." looper and Ferguson, who led this year's unsuccessful fight against the Tennessee Valley Authority. Now they are gunning for Lilienthal and the Columbia Valley Administration.

Lilenthal's offense is not incompetent managemeent, but devoted and consciencious efforts in the concrete ually the stronger sex because of steps he is taking to make atomic power available at low for those of the weaker sex. cost. That angers the power trust magnates and their tools in Congress immediately get the go sign to proceed with their smear campaign against David Lilienthal. Just listen to them screech and howl, but with all the dust they are raising let us not lose sight of what is really behind all this. It is seldom that such smear campaigns do any real good, while much too often they kill off some of our best and most loyal public servants.

### PAPERS DISCREDIT THEMSELVES

There are a considerable number of daily papers that have been discrediting themselves by permitting partment of Street Railways will working conditions, it is still postheir publications to become the distributors of senseless and untruthful propaganda. Whatever the inducement may have been the fact is they are peddling the American Federation of State, high quality bread. stuff with disgusting frequency, until one of the most County and Municipal Employees common utterances of people who think is: "You can't believe anything that you read in the papers."

Unfortunately this comment is only too true, when aFL union, the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, has it comes to the representations and smear campaigns cautioned all its locals against havthat a lot of our daily papers are indulging in. In politics ing anything to do with cost-ofour daily papers have largely degenerated into so little living clauses in their contracts.

The best known contract of that truth and so much bunk, that very few people are in- type was signed last year by Genfluenced any more by editorial utterances on politics eral Motors Corp., the United Auto and economics. Realizing this most of these papers re- Electrical Workers (CIO), and the United Electrical Workers (CIO). sort to their news articles to spread their most poisonous propaganda and it is surprising how many people there are, who readily admit that most of the daily press Rent Raised 8% to 9% is totally unreliable in one breath, then turn right around On 275,000 Dwellings to let the newspapers mould their opinions and shape their thoughts with their distorted but adroitly written news columns, until they finally learn they have been rent law went into effect two gypped again. It is when that happens that the unmasked months ago, government figures newspaper becomes thoroughly discredited.

### WHAT UNION LABEL MEANS

When you buy goods bearing the union label you are helping to employ more union people. When you ber of increases granted to individas well as the participating labor buy non-union goods without the union label you be- operating income" formula. But organizations. It is planned that come responsible for the employment of the non-union the Woods office has distributed help that made it to just that extent. You either help rent offices. to give more union people employment by using your The bulk of the decontrol actions buying power as true union people always should do, was announced by Mr. Woods as the co-op would not go into overor you are helping to decrease work for union people They covered 129 areas in 20-rental which produces weekly upwards of by using your spending power so that more non-union units. Since then he has ordered 10,000,000 loaves. people will be employed making goods you buy. Always controls lifted in 18 additional areas demand the union label before you make the purchase. —several of them where local gov-ernments voted for the action with about 20,000 tons of steel every If the label is not there go elsewhere.

# GRIN or

is ever miserable.

No one can speak so well as job well done.

Customer: "You made a mistake in that prescription you gave my wife. Instead of quinine you used strychnine.'

Druggist: "You don't say. Then you owe me 20c more."

> "Jack had money: Jill had nil. Jill married Jack, Then Jack had Jill And Jill had Jack.

Jill went to Reno-Now she's back. Jack has nil, But Jill has jack. Smart gal, Jill."

We have an acquaintance who lives out in the country where indoor plumbing ordinances do not

When a sailor at a Navy swimming class refused to dive from a were that high on a sinking ship?" "Sir," answered the student, "I'd

A man rushed into a bar and answer was a slap across the face a placating grin the bartender re-

Phil Scott is sporting a new style hair-do. He now wears it

"The average woman has a vocabulary of only 1,800 words." It is a small stock, but think of the turnover.

"Mary is keeping her engagement a secret." "How do you know?" "She told me."

\* \* \*

Father: "Say, it's 2 o'clock. Do you think you can stay all night?" nome first."

"Jessie, I have told you again and again not to speak when older Board of Bakery Workers, cover- facts and figures than managepersons are talking, but wait until ing the 40,000 organized bakers in ment around the bargaining table,

its bath yet? Servant: "Yes, Ma'am. You can come in now."

The so-called weaker sex is usthe weakness of the stronger sex

Nothing restores one's confidence like hope and faith-and dollars and cents

# Office Workers

Federal Consumer Price Index by a contract modeled on the General Motors contracts, 700 office workers of the city-owned Detroit De-

They are members of Local 218, (AFL). When signed, the union greeted the clause as beneficial to its members. Since then another

Washington.—Controls have been lifted on more than 250,000 housing

per cent have been allowed on more than 275,000 units by order of Housing Expediter Tighe E. Woods.

the approval of the state governor. | year for license plates.



NEWS ITEM

DUN & BRADSTREET REPORTS SHARPEST LIVING COST CLIMB IN 3 MONTHS

# Bakers, Teamsters Plan Co-op Doctors Get To Fight Bakery Monopoly

New York.—AFL bakers and teamsters are preparing a major counterblow against a lockout by a monopoly baking health proposals now before Conindustry here which has kept in enforced idleness 4,000 organized workers for almost 4 months.

The strategic thrust at the Big Six bakeries is the virtually cer-Six bakeries is the virtually certain establishments of a cooperative Bosses Emotional, Suitor: "Pil have to telephone bakery plant which will produce bread at competitive prices and Unions Factual quality for commercial distribution. The AFL's New York Joint this area, met with a representa- according to Director Cyrus S. "Tve tried that already, Mama. tive of the AFL-endorsed Council Ching of the Federal Mediation & for Cooperative Developments, Conciliation Service. whose national co-chairman is American Federation of State.

County and Municipal Employes. The following day, a meeting of the two AFL locals affected—Local 550 of the Teamsters Union and Local 50, Bakery and Confectionery Workers-were to meet to decide which of several plants offered for sale should be pur-

chased. FUTURE LABOR PEACE

The immediate purpose of the cooperative bakery plant is, according to Herman E. Cooper, as a guarantor of future labor peace in the industry since, obviously, a lockout would be less Detroit.—Their wages tied to the likely to occur in the future while a labor-owned cooperative bakery Fortune magazine survey which was in existence.

> Another purpose is to demon strate that with the best possible during the last half of 1949, while under free enterprise conditions million by the end of the year. and at the same time produce a

"This is going to be a model plant, a pilot plant," said Mr Cooper, "to show that low-priced bread and high-quality bread are possible without in any way low ering wages or working conditions. "For example, we've been trying to get a 5-day week in a 6-day-

week industry. We're told it's not feasible by industry. Well, this labor cooperative bakery is committed to just that—a 5-day week in a 6-day operation and we'll show it can work. Similarly we will show that a welfare and pension fund is possible and all other good union conditions." LABOR ENTHUSIASTIC

Announcement of this project has been received enthusiastically by the labor movement, several leaders of which have indicated that financial contributions in the form of stock purchase and other In addition, increases of 8 to 9 direct support will be forthcoming. A citywide conference of AFL do they expect to stop?" and CIO representatives is in the offing just as soon as final plans are made. Profits of the co-op will contests and other projects.

Mr. Cooper made it clear that

tion's attitude on the national gress is under fire today from another quarter as the International Chiropractors Association outlined health bill and charged that the ports; American Medical Association's opposition to Administration proposdoctor incomes.

In a letter to Dr. R. L. Sense- developments; dodge behind the smokescreen of medical reports, appearances be-The government official, himself free competition, because the ac-Old Maid: "Has the canary had Arnold Zander, president of the sessions engliar figure at bargaining tions of the American Medical As- (4) Preparation in advance of "Ships wouldn't be able to get tions of the American Medical As- the hearing by regions engliar figure at bargaining tions of the American Medical As- the hearing by regions engliar figure at bargaining tions of the American Medical Assessions, spoke to more than 400 sociation show clearly the AMA\* executives June 8 at the annual is interested in special privilege plete file and consultation with there would be no yards or skilled general management conference of and maintenance of that \$18,000 the applicant; the American Management Assn. average level of income for your dues-paying members.'

Ching advised the industrialists MEDICAL MEN RICH The chiropractors charged that a recent survey of medical income dered. salesmanship in convincing unions disclosed that the national average of the merits of management's of medical doctor's gross incom

labor disputes, he said, while the "From our dealings with the American Medical Association it is advance report on a forthcoming of those who can ill afford to pay. less on that date at 3,289,000. 'Medical Economics' in the 1947 The increase in unemployment, medical doctors as a class are rich

# **Chicago Landlords** Chicago. - Using the govern-

at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel.

to stop thinking emotionally about

labor problems and to try more

The union "is always better pre-

pared with facts and figures" in

management representatives often

"do not know what the score is"

and blunder and flounder about in

The conference also received an

shows a majority of American

business to be moderately down

almost 50% expect unemployment

presenting their case.

board. Chicago landlords are demanding a 25% increase. At the Civic Opera House here

ture of their dreadful plight. The Cook County Fair Rent Committee, the local landlord lobby, apoost was needed.

While a packed house of thousands listened, Thomas Lloyd summed up erage weekly earnings of \$58.96 the attitude of the average tenant were \$4.12 lower than the previous when he said: "Landlords have raised my rent from \$9 to \$21 a reductions mainly because of a week already, and now they're asking for a 25% boost. Just where trades and a strike in the brewery

dwelling in which he lives, he said, the elevator had been disconnected from 1945 until recently. "And now," he added, "although it's supposed to be running, it isn't." Lloyd has charged that the land lord had refused to paint the apart ments. "If you don't believe it,"

he said, "ask my landlord. He's

right here too."

The landlord didn't speak up for more money is expected soon. 300 retail food markets.

# The American Medical Associa-

more than \$18,000 currently. The chiropractors stated:

### ment's recent order as a spring-Take S2 Per Week Cut

June 1-3 they painted a grim pic- earnings of factory production workers in New York State dropped to \$56.42 during April-\$2.27 below March's total, according to peared before the federal rent ad- Industrial Commissioner Edward visory board armed with charts and | Cori of the State Department of statistics to prove how much a rent Labor. This decrease was accompanied by a decline of 1.1 hours But the tenants showed up too. in the average workweek.

New York City, where the av month, experienced the greates seasonal decline in the apparel industry. Elmira was the only up In the 64-apartment 8-story state city to report increased earn-

> During the month hourly earnings of factory workers fell off 2 cents to \$1.50 but were 9 cents higher than a year ago.

### Teamsters Cited

Los Angeles.-Vice Pres. Dave Beck of the International Brother-Other tenant spokesmen testified hood of Teamsters (AFL) was that, using 1935-39 as a base pe- cited for contempt of court along riod, Cook County rents were up with 13 other teamster officials on the bureau's conclusion that "many

# Workmen's Compensation

rights as to the amount of perma nent disability are determined. Accordingly, it is important to remember the above dates for at least the next five years.

With respect to death benefits, prior to the 1947 session of the Legislature the amount of death benefit payable was \$6,000, payable weekly at the same weekly rate as indicated for temporary and permanent disability to a surviving Congress to pass legislation requirspouse, dependent child, etc.

lature, where, in addition to a widow a surviving dependent child to all areas of the nation. exists, the maximum was increased STATUTES OF LIMITATION

There are three basic statutes

of limitation which should be borne in mind as far as Workmen's Compensation is concerned. (1) Notice of injury must be given to the employer within at least 30 days of the injury or any claim is barred unless it can be shown that the failure to give notice did not prejudice the employer.

(2) With certain minor exceptions, at the present time a claim must be filed within one year of the date of the injury and failing to file it within such period means that all rights are lost.

(3) Assuming the above provisions have been met, then action must be taken before the Indus trial Accident Commission within 245 weeks of the date of injury.

With respect to the above, how ever, as a result of certain cour decisions, it appears clear that if payment has been made or if a proceeding has been instituted before the Industrial Accident Commission then certainly as far as medical care is concerned action may be instituted after the 245-

With respect to permanent disability, however, it is uncertain whether or not the action may be instituted after the 245-week period, but we contend that it may be. This point is being litigated at the present time and a decision should be rendered by the Supreme Court within the next year.

PROCEDURES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Certain things are essential as far as this item is concerned. (1) At least a basic knowledge of the ordinary medical terms and the chiropractors' position on the an ability to interpret medical re-

(2) Obtaining full facts as to how the injury occurred, the con- SEE EXTINCTION als is a smokescreen to hide big dition of the applicant at the time of the injury and all subsequent yards are headed for complete ex-

nich, AMA president, the Chiro- (3) Familiarity with the rules of practors Association said, "Wei practice and procedure of the grave jeopardy should this country smile at your pious opposition to Commission and the requirements be attacked, he warned. a national health plan when you with respect to the filing of claims,

the hearing by review of the com-

(5) Familiarity with permanent disability rating schedules and the ability to evaluate the propriety of will never give up this fight until

## **Jobless Total Hits New Postwar Peak**

apparent that you constitute a climbed, possibly to a new postwar monopoly designed to lock out peak, on May 14, according to escompeting professions and make timates of the Census Bureau the doctors richer at the expense which placed the number of job-

survey lists the average annual set at 273,000 between April 9 and gross income of medical doctors the middle of last month, was unat \$18,500, which is exactly twice expected, the agency said. The figsuffer a 2c hourly cut in wages sible to earn a legitimate profit to reach between four and five lush peak year of 1928. This mutheir annual income during the ure exceeded the usual seasonal nificent average income is a far ers by mid-May was about 20,000 cry from the oft-painted picture more than the February estimate, of the poor struggling young doc- which was the highest since the tor of bygone days. The fact is, war, the bureau's report revealed. Officials pointed out, however,

that, since the estimates were based on "sample" data, the actual number of unemployment might vary tens of thousands either way from the announced total, and the true May figure might not be any higher than the February level. The rise in unemployment,

against the customary trend, might be attributed, according to the Census Bureau, to a sudden rush of students for summer or permanent positions.

The bureau stated that twothirds of the increase in unemployment could be traced to "young persons of high school and college

At the same time, the report continued, total employment was also rising, principally as a result of the seasonal activities on farms. Civilian workers of 14 years or older increased by 900,000 between April 9 and last month to lift total employment to 58,694,000 on May

The rise in over-all employment was due to the increase of 1,150,000 farm workers. Nonagricultural employment, which fell off slightly, was evidence of a "continued decline," the bureau said. Employ ment, other than jobs on farms dropped from 49,999,000 to 49,720,-

000 in the April-May period. Another aspect of the total em-

Washington - The AFL's Metal Trades Department called upon ing federal maritime agencies to At the 1947 session of the Legis- make a fair distribution of new ship construction and repair work

> Since the end of the war, nearly all contracts let by the Maritim Commission and Navy Department for cargo ships have gone to a handful of shipyards on the North Atlantic Coast, mostly owned by "Big Steel" and with "company unions" representing many of the workers.

West coast vards, which are solidly under the AFL banner, have received none President Charles I MacGowan of the Boilermakers and other union chiefs tried to have government agencies correct this glaring discrimination, but without success. The agencies claimed that lower bids by East Coast yards gave them no alterna-

WEST BUILT SHIP BRIDGE At hearings before the House Merchant Marine Committee, Sec-

retary-Treasurer James L. Brownlow of the AFL Metal Trades Department led off the case for labor, and strong additional testimony was given by Maywood Boggs, international representative of the Boilermakers.

Both pointed out that West Coast yards did a remarkable job during the war, building 50 percent of the nation's ships. Unions transported workers thousands of miles to that coast to help turn out the "bridge of ships" needed to defeat the Nazis.

What was their reward? A wholesale slaughter of jobs, Brownlow said. Right now, he declared, the West Coast vards don't have a single contract for a new vessel as against a million tons of ship construction awarded to the East Coast yards.

Only some repair and maintenance work has sustained a skeleton force, he said. The Gulf Coast has been similarly discriminated against, he pointed out.

"If this situation continues, the tinction," he declared

This would leave the nation in

face national disaster," he said. through from the East Coast and manpower ready to turn out new ships on the West Coast.

"We of the metal trades unions decisions after they have been ren- all regions of the nation," he asserted, "receive a square deal in shipbuilding contracts for national defense and for our peacetime

actionary coalition of Republicans and southern Democrats were sucin pushing for enactment of another phase of the Truman Fair

Deal program. The House Rules Committee by a vote of 7 to 5 refused to clear the Federal Housing bill for action on the floor.

The committee's action came despite the fact that the Banking and Currency Committee reported favorably on the measure about a month ago. In April a similar housing bill was approved by the Senate by a vote of 57 to 13.

The action points out anew how large an obstacle the Rules Commitee will be for other social measures still under consideration. All like the housing program, call for the expenditures of millions of dollars in federal funds. The program for federal aid to education, approved in the Senate, is an example of new legislation yet to be considered by the powerful com-

Anticipating the tactics of the committee, Representative Brent Spence, chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee filed the necessary resolution in the House to force the Rules Committee to report the bill to the floor for final action. His resolution must remain on the House calendar for 21 days before it can be brought up for a vote. Under House regulations June 27 is the earliest date on which a showdown on the committee's action can be expected.

### Salt Lake Temos Win

Salt Lake City.-Wage increases ranging from 7e to 121/2c an hour ployment picture was revealed in for 700 members of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters 39%. The national average is 20%. grounds they violated restraining more persons were involuntarily (AFL) brought the end of a 5-A decision on the landlords' plea orders prohibiting picketing of working part time because of eco-day strike against three interstate

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# Local 483 Reports



The final nominations for officers for the coming term was held on Wednesday, June 15th, at the afternon membership meeting.

Following are the nominees: For President: Charles W. Osterloh. No opposition.

Vice President: William Lee Benson; Robert Harrington.

For Secretary-Treas. and Business Agent: Peter Falatico; George For Recording Secretary: Lucille

For Chaplain; Forrest E. 'Frosty' Ward. No opposition.

McNally. No opposition.

For Inspector: Crystal No opposition

For Guard: George Love; Harry For Trustees (three to be chosen,

plus one alternate): Alfio Bastianelli: Edna Cook: Richard Counzelman: Woodrow Derryberry; Peter Puhl; Ella Moe (Mickey) Princeau; Pearl P. Robinson; and Harvey Rose.

Four delegates to Central Labor Council: (Three to be elected): Andy Church; George Constant; George Love; Pearl P. Robinson, and John W. Schlitt.

The election will be held Tuesday, July 5, 1949, from 9:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the Union Hall, at 315 Alvarado street. Every member is expected to vote. For the convenience of those members who will be out-of-town on election day, the secretary will furnish absentee returned in a sealed envelope to on election day, July 5th. Any final returns. Absentee ballots may office prior to the election day or may be requested by telephone or UNITED DEMOS

**ELECTION COMMITTEE** 

July 6th, at 8:30 p.m. It is hoped bring to the Monterey Peninsula area, also the lumber industry in give them a proper send-off.

may care to make. EMPLOYMENT UP

are employed as well. There is still we have. It is up to you, the work- Center in first-class condition so it a small amount of unemployment ing people, who have the most to will not be condemneed. Those among waitresses, however, but gain or lose job calls in increasing numbers are CALIFORNIA ELECTION expected to materialize during the

ceed all expectations. NEGOTIATION MEET

sibility of picket action against the interests of small, select groups. Karmelkorn has been postponed DUTY AS AMERICANS for another week. Another negointerests of Local 483 and the Kar-

melkorn. POLITICAL POT BOILS

warm temperature just a few days always seek to dominate our before our coming primary elec- politics. tion. The Monterey Peninusla La-

and sponsorship of the American Federation of Labor's Labor League for Political Education has been activated. Your secretary has the privilege of serving that league, also as its secretary, and will represent this community at district and state-wide meetings of the California Labor League. It is the intention of the League to remain active in several phases of politics including: the Registration of Every Eligible Member of an A. F. of L. Union for Voting; the screening of candidates for public office; the raising of funds to assist in the election of candidates Favorable to Labor and the General Community Welfare; the precincting of all members of labor unions; and the appointment of com-Gets Out and Votes on Election Days.

**VOTERS REGISTER!** The first step in our program is the registration of voters. We have on daily duty at the union hall OFFICE WORKERS two deputy registrars of votersthat You Register to Vote-if you | tiations. have not already done so. And please remember — If you have MEETING DATES changed your address, changed to vote in the last primary or gen- at 315 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. eral election, your registration has been stricken from the rolls, and meeting in the coming quarter as

to be an eligible voter. Your union will set up precinct listings of the membership in the near future. This type of program requires a lot of hard, tedious work on the part of your secretary and office assistant. You can assist in the task if you will remember

There is also being formed in our area now, a partisan organiza- ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS: The chairman appointed the fol- tion called The United Democrats Our next kiddies klub show will lowing members to serve as the of Monterey County, under the be held at the High School Audito-Election Committee: Brothers El- guidance of the County Central rium July 2nd, at which time the mer Hazard, and Steve Smario and Democratic Committee. This bicycle will be given away to the Sister Ida Bracy. The committee organization will function much lucky boy or girl along with other will have custody of the ballot box the same as our own Labor League, surprises. Be sure your kiddies until all of the votes have been except that it will include register- attend these shows as everything counted in the presence of an equal ed Democrats from any walk of is free; it is educational and enternumber of members of our Execu- life—business, farming, labor, edu- taining for the kiddies. tive Board, following which the cation, or just plain men and committee will make it's report to women, regardless of their occupathe membership at the regular tion. The United Democrats will meeting to be held on Wednesday, stage frequent meetings and will that a large number of our mem- such outstanding politicos as James bers will be present at this meeting Roosevelt, Helen Gahagan Dougto witness the installation of our las, Senator Oliver Carter, and officers for the coming year and to many others who will be guest speakers at gatherings of the club. Brother Peter Falatico, a nom- It is hoped that many men and inee for secretary-treasurer and women from the ranks of labor business agent, has informed your will take an active part in this secretary that it is not his inten- organization. That doesn't mean tion or desire to run for that just your elected union officialsoffice. Brother Falatica has been it means YOU—the men and invited to make use of this column women who work every day, and cabs in the Salinas area: Black & in next week's Labor News, for whose future destiny is controlled, White, Yellow and Checker and the purpose of making any state- in large measure, by the actions Packard. ment to the membership which he of the leaders who are elected to public office, local, state and national. Our recent local election in a campaign to keep the Child Your secretary is pleased to re- should prove to you just how won- Care Center in the Alisal open for port that the employment situa- derfully effective an organized the care of children whose parents tion, particularly with regard to campaign can be - the entire either work or are dependent on cooks and bartenders, is much im- slate of candidates, sponsored by only one in the family for support. proved this week. Over the current labor and the common people was This center was to be closed on week-end, all bartenders who swept into office with handsome July 1st and it is now possible could be reached, who cared to majorities. The same sort of or- through the efforts of our union to work, were given employment. And ganization can bring about equally obtain labor donated free to put nearly all of our available cooks fine results in every election that the building of this Child Care

next couple of weeks. All indica- 11 short months will result in the ing in their behalf as this Child tions point to a record-breaking selection of our Governor of Cali- Care Center is very important to number of tourists and visitors for fornia, our United States Senator, our community life. our Monterey Peninsula during the our 11 District Congressmen, and coming summer. For the sake of our 33rd District Assemblyman. the industry as a whole, it is hoped All these offices are of extreme imthat the summer business will ex- portance to all of us. We can, if we will have some reports on sevwe will, elect the kind of officials eral concerns in both Salinas and whom we want — whom we know Monterey in the next edition of The announcement in last week's will work for the interests of the this column. Labor News, concerning the pos- people, rather than for the selfish

It is our duty and our respontiations meeting has been arranged sibility, as Americans and as Caliby the California State Mediation fornians, to take an active interest Service for Thursday, June 23rd. It in the selection of our elected offiis the hope of your negotiators cials. Yes, it is our PROUD duty and that an amicable agreement can be our PROUD responsibility. Let us reached at that time, for the best do these simple things: Register to vote; take an active part in one AFL TEAMSTERS TO ERECT or another political leagues or NEW BUILDING IN CAPITAL clubs which are now active; study Those of you who sat in on the the issues and the candidates which sters Union announced the purwell-attended meeting on June 15, will be before us, and, above all chase of some 23,500 square feet and heard your secretary's com- Turn Out the Vote on Every Elec- of property here as the site for a ments on our "Labor in Poitics" tion Day. When we have all done \$3,000,000 national headquarters situation will be interested in these few simple things we will building. knowing that the poltiical pot is have contributed to a great victory boiling right now, and will con- the victory of common people- aire as a parking lot, the land was tinue to do so rather than pro- just folks-over the selfish and sold by the American Legion for crastinate and come to a luke- greedy corporate interests which a reported price of \$353,000.

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PRODUCE DIVISION - Attention, all produce drivers, silver king, bug and loader drivers: The contract by and between this Union and the Grower Shippers Vegetable Association of Salinas, California, will be signed this week and a mittees to insure that every reg- copy of the contract will be posted on all Bulletin Boards. The istered member of a labor union increase will be five cents per hour above the now existing wage rates; retroactive date will be April 1st. Also show-up time of one hour. Contract will be for one year from April 1st, 1949 to April 1st, 1950.

The office workers' agreement is son in the Teamsters Office. When with the companies involved, Mispay dues, to seek employment, or meeting will be held in the near whatever the reason, Make Certain future to start preliminary nego-

Our next regular meeting in your name, or desire to change Salinas will be held July 12th at your political party, since you last the Moose Hall, 121A Monterey St., registered to vote, you must re- at 8 p.m. The Monterey regular register. In addition—if you failed meeting will be held on July 14th Copies of birth certificates of any

Attend at least one regular you must register again in order fines are now being collected from those who failed to attend one meeting in the last quarter.

The union wishes to call your attention again to be sure and patronize union gas stations who employ members of our union: Lee Thompson's Tire Service, Front and Alisal Sts.; Firestone ballots, which must be marked and JUST TWO SIMPLE RULES: Stores at Monterey and San Luis First, fill out the questionnaire Sts.; Deane Tire Service, East the union office prior to 9:00 p.m. card fully and properly when you Gabilan and Monterey; Lamarr receive it from your union, and re- Brothers, East Market and Monte-

absentee ballot which is postmark- turn it promptly. Second, report rey, and Sears Gas Island in Valley ed prior to that time will be valid, any change of address or name to Center. It is important that every and will be counted in with the union office promptly, in order member of this union who drives that our listings may be kept in an automobile and purchases gas be obtained in person at the union accurate and efficient order at all do so at these places of business as they also display the Teamsters Union shop card.

SHOOK DIVISION:

Negotiations still continue for the shook industry in the Salinas Future meetings have been arranged with the employers and the membership will be notified in the event any wage offers are forthcoming from the employer. The following cab companies are

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members who have their children taken care of at the Center will SALINAS The elections coming up in just appreciate what the unions are do-

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If any members of our union have any news or comments they would like printed in this column please send your contributions to the union and we will have them published.

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Washington- The AFL's Team-

Now operated by a concession-The Teamsters Union maintains headquarters in Indianapolis. A

transfer to Washington has been

VETS NEWS

Veterans Administration officials estimate four out of five veterans' Mrs. Neva Gregory in the Carpen- now open for negotiations; as yet widows who are suddenly faced ters Office, and Mrs. Louise Carl- no formal meetings have been had with the necessity of filing claims for pensions find themselves unyou report to our union office—to sion and Golden State. But a able to lay hands immediately upon copies of public records necessary to establish their claims.

One of the most important steps a married veteran or serviceman can take is to place on file a certified copy of the public record of marriage, together with complete certified records of any previous marriages of himself and wife.

Question: What supporting evidence must be furnished by a widow or child in order to claim death

Answer: Proof of legal relationship (marriage and dissolution of prior marriages of both spouses) and proof of legal relationship of child or acknowledgement of child by veteran.

Question: May death pension be paid to a widow who has remarried?

Answer: No. She loses all status as a widow of her previous husband upon remarriage.

Question: Why is it necessary to submit proof of legal relationship when this evidence was on my husband's military service records? Answer: The statement on miliary records is not considered sufficient evidence for a court of law No investigation is made by the military of legality of the marriage or legal dissolution of pre vious marriages, either of yourself or your husband. These facts must be established by authenticated copies of public records.

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# PROFITS JUMP 4 TIMES AHEAD OF U. S. WAGES

industry that profits are decreas-

A New York Times survey reveals that 300 companies made 9 per cent more in the first quarter of 1949 than in the comparable 1948 period. Yet business wants lower taxes and special favors from the government to help it see through these "difficult" times. But average weekly earnings of

factory workers increased only 2.4 per cent from March 15, 1948 to mid-March 1949.

FOUR TIMES WAGE RISE In other words, profits went up almost four times as fast as wages. At the same time, the cost of living, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, was up 1.6 per cent on March 15, 1949, over the

same date last year. While profits continue to soar, Labor Department figures show that wages are declining steadily. From a high of \$55.01 last December average weekly factory earnings went down to \$52.62 on April

Here are some more facts in the

profit picture: Net profits of 300 representative companies were \$974,512,000 for

panies have decreased, earnings of many major industries have continued to skyrocket.

MAJOR STEEL MEN FATTEN 11 leading steel producers went up one? 62 per cent. Ten smaller steel companies made 42 per cent more

than in the first quarter of 1948. Ten automobile manufacturers gained 39 per cent in net profits. Chemical companies made 22 per

cent more than a year ago. Other industries where profits went up are iron and steel, outdoor machinery, railroad equipment, mining, aviation, electrical manufacturing, floor covering, paint and varnish, cement, dairy

products, baking, candy and drug. The net income of 297 industrial manufacturers increased 26 per cent in the first quarter of 1948 over the same period of 1947. cal care:

-(LLPE).

## **Chicago Engineers' New Home to Have Museum of Tools**

used by members.

To the best knowledge of Andrew Leach, chairman of the lo- mates that the insurance program breathe these fumes because of chines paid but two. cal's building committee, it will be would cost \$5.5 billion annually equipment failure or spilling. the first union home ever built for its first few years. That is an to contain an industrial museum increase of \$1.1 billion over what

maintained a continuing educa- payroll tax deductions. tional program to keep its mem- \$3 BILLION MORE LATER bers abreast of the latest developments in air conditioning, refriger- swing, Soule estimates it would zene poisoning are tightening of ation, combustion, economical use cost \$3 billion more each year than the leg muscles, dizziness, and a of fuels, and other scientific ad- the present \$4.4 billion now spent feeling of pressure on the lower

The union, one of Chicago's mostly of stationary engineers in cannot afford ever to cease study-

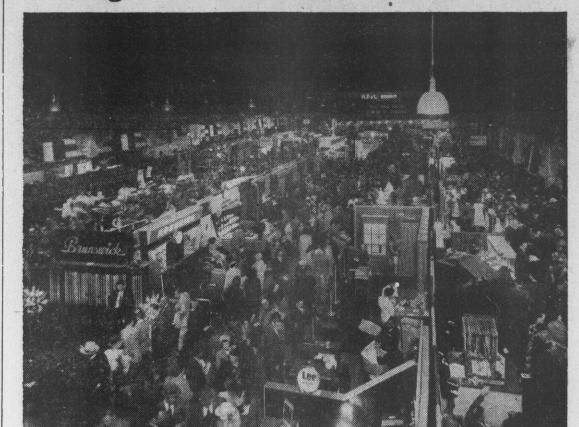
HOLD CLASSES rooms now rented by the union us- lion." ually draw 150 to 200 of the members, most of them oldtimers who sionally so they won't rust in their finished, the classrooms will be

transferred there. The structure, designed by the architectural firm of Atwood & Goldberg, will be built of concrete, steel and glass. The design will be simple and functional, of tain an auditorium to seat 750. of the union

S200,000 INVESTMENT Chicago's road development of the praisal of a bill collector.

to our craft and to the men who benefits of modern preventive med- Economic Cooperation Administrabuilt our union," said Leach.

## Throngs Attend Union Industries Show



Crowds like that above thronged the vast Public Auditorium in Cleveland to witness the spectacle presented by the 1949 version of the Union Industries Show, an annual event sponsored by the AFL's Union Label Trades Department to tell the public the story of successful labor-management relations. The photo shows the main floor of the exhibit hall. Similar scenes were the rule in a larger

Benzene, or benzol as it is some-

non-corrosive liquid with a charac-

It also can be a health hazard.

benzene vapor.

vapor from entering the lungs.

central part of the forehead.

the "benzol jag" stage.

tected by blood tests.

When these symptoms occur the

heart is under tremendous strain

and rough handling could be fatal.

sults from repeated exposure to

the chemical over periods of weeks

or months. It attacks the blood

Senate Approves Gray,

Washington. - The Senate ap-

proved the appointment of Gordon

The action was by unanimous con-

sent. Mr. Gray, a publisher in

Winston-Salem, N. C., has been

The Senate also confirmed with-

John J. McCloy of New York, as

out objection these appointments:

Chronic benzene poisoning re-

# basement area. Facts Show National Health Top Men Get the first three months of 1949, as compared with \$891,682,540 in the same period in 1948. Although profits of a few com-

Should the United States continue to lose \$27 billion a year in national wealth because of sickness and disability? business treats the hired help who sets of 50,000 manufacturing cor-

Or should this nation spend an additional \$1 billion to \$3 The combined net income of the billion annually to provide adequate medical care for every- and top professional talent, a sur-

This seemingly easy choice faces Congress as it considers President Truman's national health insur-

ance program. But the issue has been clouded and confused by the American Medical Asociation's \$3.5 million propaganda campaign. One of the AMA's principal arguments against health insurance involves its cost. The AMA says the Administration used in industry. It is a colorless, program is too expensive for Amer-

FACTS AND FIGURES

Here are some facts on the costs of inadequate and adequate medi-

The Federal Security Agency says in its 1948 report that "each extremely flammable, but benzene year, through sickness and partial some 4.3 million man-years of proluction and wages — an estimated formed. annual loss in national wealth of

Local 399, has begun construction about \$4.4 billion for medical care | Benzene poisoning is of two partment Stores. by health insurance).

Economist George Soule estimedical care. Practically all of the

After the program got into full for medical care.

How much is \$3 billion compared oldest and strongest, is composed with the amount of money that should be alert to these symptoms changes hands each year in this and if they occur should get into public buildings and downtown nation? Soule reports, "The gross the fresh air at once. One charskyscrapers, who, like surgeons, national product as of the second acteristic of acute benzene poisonhalf of 1548—which is the money ing is that the person becomes cost of all the goods and services hysterical—he laughs, shouts, sings Classes held twice weekly in at the annual rate of \$257.8 bil- becomes very obstinate. This is

Soule further adds that AMA estimates of the cost of the health person should be moved to fresh find it necessary to bone up occa- insurance program would mean an air even though he objects. Howaverage income of \$80,000 a year ever, be careful never to strike jobs. When the new building is for each doctor. Obviously, the a person in this condition. His AMA figures are nothing but misleading propaganda.

### **Dollar Doctors**

Proposed national health insur- vessels and bone marrow, and oftthe most modern style. It will con- ance would establish a firm, de- en causes anemia. It can be dependable economic foundation unwhich will be used both for lec- der the whole structure of private tures and for business meetings medical practice. It would result in the establishment and the effective maintenance of doctors, The office section will front on hospitals, and all other health per-50 feet of Jackson Blvd., the audi- sonnel and facilities wherever they torium section on Gladys Ave., the were justified by the number, not next parallel street south. The the wealth, of prospective patients.

site at present is in the middle of No longer would the doctor be Gray as Secretary of the Army. a block but will be on a corner forced to hold a stethoscope upon when Chicago's great northwest a patient's heart and pocketbook superhighway, now in the planning at the same time and adjust his stage, is completed. The union's fees accordingly. . . . Instead, he under-secretary of the army. building will stand close to the would be completely free, for the point where the northwest super- first time, to consider each patient highway will turn into the still solely on the basis of professional greater Congress St. superhighway, judgment and not with the ap- High Commissioner for Germany

and chief of the United States Mis-As for the patient, no longer sion there. Excavation for the building was would he be compelled to consider William C. Foster of New York, started this month. It will be com- the cost of illness first and the as Deputy Administrator of the Missouri Valley Authority, be is just as dependent upon the which all workers in all branches pleted in November or December, consequences later. No longer Economic Cooperation Administraaccording to present schedules. would he feel hesitant, for fear of tion. When finished, land and building the cost, about going to the doctor Milton Katz of Massachusetts, as value will be in excess of \$200,000. at the first sign of illness, and deputy of the United States special

do most of the work, it slices the porations which have assets of less melon generously for executives than \$1 million apiece.

high salary list showed June 14. salaries and other payments made assets of about \$17 billion before to individuals by corporations the war. Now their assets total which total more than \$75,000 a over \$29 billion. year. It gives a misleading idea THE SUPER-GIANTS of how rich the rich actually are, however, since it does not include

teristic but not unpleasant odor. put in a day's work for the Ford The U.S. Public Health Service auto empire at salaries of \$100,000 says that benzene often is confused a year and more. But the family with benzine, which is merely a take from company profits is not highly refined gasoline. Both are nientioned.

Some corporations apparently follow a share-the-wealth policy is also a poison which can affect or total disability, the Nation loses the nerve tissues and bone mar- among top executies, spreading payments above \$75,000 per person row where new blood cells are Benzene is widely used in the brains. DuPont, for instance, found available to all, this staggering artificial leather and plastics in- Woolworth dime store executives tal of 56 billion-dollar outfits. loss in goods and services could be dustries, and also is used in motor who made the grade numbered 25; GRAB OFF COMPETITION Chicago.—The International Union of Operating Engineers (AFL), At present, Americans spend fuel blending and in the manufacture of rapid photogravure inks.

General Motors had 15, Chrysler The monopolies have grown internally as well as externally by

only three salaries above \$75,000, Sometimes workers are forced to and International Business Ma-

Postwar high prices for foods Sometimes workmen become helped the Safeway Stores pay acutely poisoned by entering tanks Lingan A. Warren \$201,680 a year of essentials used in the engineer's Americans now are paying for containing benzene vapor, or ware- and five other executives enough houses in which containers are to make the Treasury list. Gen-For many years, Local 399 has plan's expenses would be met by leaking, without wearing proper eral Foods paid more than \$500,000 protective masks to prevent the a year altogether to four leading executives, the A&P stores had four Treasury listings and Kraft The first symptoms of acute ben-Foods Co. had two.

Top salaries were paid readily by firms known for years for their enmity toward the Wage-Hour Act, advocacy of Taft-Hartley and to operate in an economy of scarc-Persons working around benzene hostility to wage gains for their ity. Hence the seeming paradox of workers. Gimbel Bros. store paid high living costs and rising unemits labor relations boss, Louis Bro- ployment. ido, \$85,000.04. Allis-Chalmers Mfg. As the present economic decline is Co. paid Walter Geist \$75,650, and the open-shop R. R. Donnelley & caught in a double squeeze. Layoffs bought in the nation—was running or curses. And invariably he also Sons of Chicago paid high salaries and part-time work will cut their to four top men.

Workers at American Tobacco Vincent Riggio, who was worth \$585,202 to the company in a year. Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co. workers take orders from E. H. Little, with \$350,000 yearly, and workers at National Distillers Products burdens of unemployment and pro-Corp. talk business with Seton Porter, who draws \$310,000. Ben tions. Moreell now gets \$98,958 a year from Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp., when he used to run the coal mines under government seizure at a Navy admiral's pay.

Top figure for women, this year as last, was Betty Grable's at a round \$208,000. Others to High U.S. Jobs

## **Missouri Federation** Supports MVA Plan

Labor has passed a resolution supporting a Missouri Valley Author-

The Federation said in its resolution "that a program for such quate Merchant Marine as an outdevelopment which is proving it-let to transport necessary supplies self most successful in the Tennes- and material to foreign countries. fications incidental to the electrical see River Valley shall be adopted for the Missouri River Valley and pends on all segments of our people that Senator Murray's bill, now in to build a better and stronger Senate committee and known as America. The factory wage earner al program of the I.B.E.W. under enacted into law."

eight to twelve weeks of age.

# Big Corporations Get Bigger; Monopolies Keep Prices High

ened their grip on the American economy.

Before the war the 200 largest non-financial corporations owned 55% of all non-financial corporate assets. Now these 200 giants own about 65% of all such assets.

Local Unions to

tive Council member urged all AFL

members to aid in every way pos-

sible the fast moving developing

Local 1324, which holds a char-

ter authorizing organization of the

"Wherever you come in contact

welcome them into the AFL fam-

ily. Tell them about the demo-

cratic manner in which the AFL

unions operate, and of the gains

your AFL union has secured for

He added that the approximately

6,000 PG&E men in the company's

four Bay Divisions would be an

important addition to the big Bay

Area AFL family. "Both the PG&E

employees and the AFL union

movement in the area will benefit

Foehn drew a parallel between

ness manager, and Local 1324.

Both are set up under the unit

system which permits local groups

to have autonomy over their own

affairs and yet permits concerted

action on matters of mutual interest, such as contracts, wage

scales and conditions. The unit

system also permits small groups

paid union representatives when

needed.

ance men.

to get the services of full-time

There are ten units in Local 6,

taking in such fields as marine

electricians, contractor electricians

and electric repair shop mainten-

The jurisdiction of Local 6 ex-

tends to Marin and San Mateo

PG&E Local 1324-IBEW has its

neadquarters in Oakland. It has

units in eight Bay Area commu-

nities. Its campaign is now going

into high gear with an NLRB

The UWUA-CIO has been prac-

tically eliminated from the San

Francisco-San Mateo district by

Local 1324's strong San Francisco

Two units in Contra Costa

County, and two in the Santa

Rosa-Ukiah district have all but

eliminated the CIO in those

locales. A new unit was recently

set up in the Oakland-Hayward-

Emeryville territory and interest

there is mounting as the first big

rally approaches June 18. Work-

er's resentment against the UWUA-

CIO has increased recently be-

because of deals with the company

which gave away valuable senior-

Last week local 1324 sent out

about 6,000 cards to Bay Division

PG&E workers which revoke the

company's right to deduct dues

and turn them over to the CIO.

The number of these cards being

returned with signatures, Local

1324 IBEW officials say, reaffirms

ers are fed up with UWUA-CIO

policy dictatorship, and laxness in

over the years to include many

Local 6, like Local 1324, accepts

as members and serves all classi-

construction industry, as does Lo-

This fits into the general nation-

Copra, rich in oil, is the dried

kernel of the cocoanut.

cal 1324 in power distribution.

valuable conditions.

that the majority of PG&E work-

ity and job-bidding rights.

probably some time in July.

CIO THROUGH

election date.

EXTEND HELP

This increase in monoply control current economic decline. The monopolies keep prices high, particularly on cost-of-living essentials, thereby accentuating the gap between production and the available

purchasing power of the people. The increase in monopoly control has taken place against the background of a vast growth of American industry. In 1939 the total assets of all manufacturing corporations amounted to some \$57 billion. At the beginning of San Francisco Local 6 and Bay 1949 the total assets of all manu- Area IBEW International Execufacturing corporations amounted to \$109 billion, almost double the

prewar value.

CAPITAL JUMPS 150% The net working capital-cur- IBEW organizational campaign rent assets minus current liabilities among Bay Division PG&E workof all manufacturing corporations amounted to \$15 billion in 1939. At the beginning of 1949 their net working capital amounted to PG&E employees in counties ad-\$39 billion, an increase of almost

150% since 1939. These figures cover all 98,000 manufacturing corporations. The 250 largest manufacturing corporations own more than two-thirds of

The 78 largest manufacturing corporations have enough net plained. working capital to buy up the as-

all manufacturing corporate as-

Twenty-five super-giants control vey of the latest U.S. Treasury some 27% of all manufacturing corporate assets. The 25 largest The Treasury list covers only manufacturing corporations had

These super-giants include corporations like Standard Oil of New profits and capital gains made by Jersey, General Motors, U. S. Steel, times called, is a chemical widely the same people from the same duPont, General Electric, Ford, American Tobacco, Intl. Harvester, Thus, Henry Ford II is listed Anaconda Copper. The 25 superalong with seven other men who giants employ over 2,200,000 wage and salaried workers.

by a successful conclusion of the Since the beginning of the cen-Local 1324 AFL-IBEW organizatury there has been a many-fold tional campaign.' increase in billion-dollar corpora-PARALLEL tion. Back in 1901 U.S. Steel was unique because it had over \$1 bil-IBEW Local 6 of which he is buslion in assets.

Now there are 12 manufacturing corporations in the billion-dollar to a good number of their big class. In addition, there are six billion-dollar railroads, six public utilchemical, oil extraction, dye, paint, it had 26 men worthy of inclusion ity corporations, 20 banks and 12 If adequate medical care were varnish, rubber cement, linoleum, on the Treasury list. The F. W. insurance companies, making a to-

absorbing smaller competitors. Recof a new two-story building in one each year. (This figure excludes of Chicago's most desirable location about \$4.7 billion for interior and the cost of extra services such as types, acute and chronic. Acute erous with top talent could find the monopolies to increase their tions, to house the local's offices and a permanent exhibit of tools nurses that would not be covered breathing of high concentration of pay a big salary. U.S. Steel paid dominated by a small number of dominated by a small number of super-giant corporations. In turn, these super-giants are controlled by a handful of financiers and industrialists.

counties for some types of elec-The monopolists extort tribute trical workers, Foehn explained. from the people in the form of un-Experience over the years with conscionably high prices. When these groups shows that the unit goods pile up because of insuffisystem is the best way of providcient purchasing power, the moing them with the service they nopolists do not cut prices. Instead, want. The members wouldn't have they reduce production and lay off any other set-up. workers. SCARCITY PROFITABLE

Because of monopoly control, the big corporations find it profitable bargaining election in the offing,

intensified, the people will be incomes. But prices of food and unit. other essentials will remain high. Co. deal with a crew headed by The result will be a sharp reduction in American living standards.

The American people in 1949, as in 1929, will bear the brunt of the economic decline because the government does nothing to shift the duction cutbacks to the corpora-

### **U.S. Merchant Marine** Hailed as Aid to Peace Washington.—Secretary of Labor

Maurice J. Tobin hailed the U.S. Merchant Marine as a "powerful instrument which can be of great assistance in bringing lasting peace and prosperity to the world.' In a statement issued on the ob-

servance of National Maritime Day, The Missouri State Federation of Mr. Tobin said, in part: "The high production records we

have achieved on the home front enforcement of a contract built would be partially curtailed and stifled if we did not have an ade-"The economy of our country de-

farmer as the farmer is dependent of the industry are covered. Such upon the wage earner. Both, in wide coverage enables the I.B.E.W. Rabbit raising to increase the turn, are dependent upon a strong to give its membership services not meat supply is recommended by Merchant Marine to transport the equaled by any other organization. "We intend it to be a monument thereby reaping the incalculable representative in Europe for the government officials. Young rabbits goods and produce of the wage are ready to use as food at from earner and farmer to ports all over the world."

# Carpenter

Carpenters Union 925 Salinas, California

George R. Harter, business agent of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas. has been called to a special meet- fused to cut state appropriations ing of the negotiation committee of the State Council of Carpenters in San Francisco on Wednesday of

this week. Harter has been actively assisting in efforts to negotiate a new carpenter agreement covering unions of 42 Northern California counties and the Associated General Contractors of Central and

Northern California. With negotiations near a breakdown and with unions in the Sacramento area reportedly on a "vacation" in an effort to bring about an increase in pay, the Wednesday session in San Francisco promises to be an interesting one, Harter said.

Bids for construction of the me dium security prison in Soledad are to be opened on July 6 and construction should be started by the first of August, if contract is let at once. This \$10,000,000 project will furnish much more work for members of Local 925.

joining San Francisco Bay, is now Work at the Pacific Gas & Elecawaiting a decision from NLRB tric Co. plant in Moss Landing is slowing down again and rumors of a layoff of carpenters were heard

Washington headquarters fixing an PG&E workers themselves last week. Steel work is the big sought the Local 1324 charter after thing still. dissatisfaction with UWUA-CIO top level dictatorship and interference Local 925 will have graduation with local autonomy, Foehn ex-

exerscises at Hotel Jeffrey, following a special dinner, to honor 12 apprentice carpenters who have completed their period of training. with PG&E workers, on construc- Archie Mooney, of the State Divition work in industrial plants," the sion of Apprenticeship Standards, IBEW executive council member is expected to come here to speak said, "Let them know that the to the graduating apprentices. More AFL union members of this area details of this will be announced

> Contractor Vern R. Huck was low bidder for the YMCA swimming pool project. Work is expected to be started as soon as con-

> Work on the new Purity Store unit in Salinas, the third such store for the area, is under way now, with local carpenters on the job.

tract is awarded.

Carpenters and laborers are starting preliminary construction work on the new Sanborn School project, under Leonard English, contractor.

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clover for each strong, healthy

East Alisal at Pajaro

### Nebraska Legislature **Shows True Colors** The Nebraska State Legislature

by 10 per cent.

should get a prize as the most hypocritical legislature of 1949. A few weeks ago, this reactionary legislature passed a resolution calling on Congress to cut the Fed-

eral budget by 10 per cent. But shortly before adjourning recently, this same legislature re-

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